

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 11, and 16 have been amended, and claims 4 and 20 have been canceled, leaving claims 1-2 and 5-19 for consideration upon entry of the present amendment. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment and remarks submitted herewith.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have incorporated the limitation of claim 4 into all the independent claims. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants further respectfully submit that this amendment merely cancels claims, adopts the Examiner's suggestion, removes issues for appeal, and/or places the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered, the application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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